



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 21, 2021, meeting](#)

BUDGET REPORTS

10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding an overview of the State Budget Actions report for the November 2021 special legislative session

10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- The status of the general fund
- Selected special fund balances
- The status of the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

10:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the status and features of the new budgeting software

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGETING STUDY

10:50 a.m. Comments by representatives of the following agencies regarding the benefits and concerns of IT unification, the advantages and disadvantages of the current budgeting and appropriations process for IT services, and the advantages and disadvantages of providing a general fund appropriation to the Information Technology Department rather than providing a general fund appropriation to the agency to pay the Information Technology Department for services:

- State Treasurer
- Department of Public Instruction
- Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Office of Management and Budget

11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the study

12:00 noon Recess

REVENUE FORECASTING STUDY

1:00 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of the request for proposal related to economic forecasting data

1:10 p.m. Presentations by representatives of consulting firms regarding proposals related to economic forecasting data

2:10 p.m. Break

2:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the consultant proposals

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS UPDATE

- 2:30 p.m. Presentation of reports by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- The status of the unmanned aircraft systems test site pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-60-28
 - The development of the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system program and the total amount deposited in the general fund pursuant to Section 54-60-29.1

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Petroleum Council regarding the status of the oil and gas industry in the state
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Mineral Resources regarding the status of oil and gas development activities in the state

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a draft template for agency fee reporting
- 4:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the agency fee reporting template
- 4:10 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the agency fee reporting template
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Michael Howe (Chairman), Pamela Anderson, Jeff Delzer, Jared C. Hagert, Gary Kreidt, Lisa Meier, Corey Mock, Dave Nehring, Gary Paur, Mike Schatz, Jim Schmidt, Steve Vetter, Don Vigasaa

Senators: Brad Bekkedahl, Richard Marcellais, Ronald Sorvaag

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